GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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BLACKMARKETING OF KEROSENE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested some Kerosene Oil dealers for black-marketing in New Delhi in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against them; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the black marketing of kerosene in Delhi/New Delhi?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b) : No, Sir. The CBI has not arrested any Kerosene Oil dealer for black-marketing in New Delhi in the recent past.

(c) : In order to check the black marketing of Public Distribution System (PDS) kerosene, the Central Government have made provisions in the Kerosene (Restriction on Use and Fixation of Ceiling Price) Order, 1993, issued under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, that dealers cannot sell PDS kerosene at a price higher than the price fixed by the Government or Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) and that the PDS kerosene dealers should prominently display stock-cum-price board at the place of business including the place of store on conspicuous place.

State Governments undertake distribution of PDS kerosene through their PDS network and also implement the Control Orders issued by the Central Government under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.